

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 2, 7-8 and 10 are amended and new claims 21 and 22 are added.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

generating, by one or more processors, a host-wizard component;

generating, by the one or more processors, one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking, by the one or more processors, said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring, by the one or more processors, control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are web browser based object components.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are operating system based application component object extensions.

Claim 4-6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

generating, by one or more processors, a host wizard having one or more navigable transitional pages, wherein the host wizard [[that]] defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

generating, by the one or more processors, a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area:

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

generating, by the one or more processors, a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard;

and

utilizing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine-readable-medium~~ computer memory having machine executable instructions for performing a method for extending a wizard comprising:

generating, ~~by one or more processors,~~ a host-wizard component having panels that guide a user through a first task;

generating, ~~by one or more processors,~~ one or more sub-wizard components having panels that guide a user through a second task;

invoking, ~~by one or more processors,~~ said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring, ~~by one or more processors,~~ control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

9. (Previously Presented) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

generating, by one or more processors, a host-wizard component having transitional pages;

generating, by the one or more processors, one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking, by the one or more processors, said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring, by the one or more processors, control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine-readable-medium~~ computer memory having machine executable instructions for performing a method for extending a wizard comprising:

generating, ~~by one or more processors,~~ a host wizard having one or more navigable transitional pages, wherein the host wizard [[that]] defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

generating, ~~by one or more processors,~~ a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

generating, ~~by one or more processors,~~ a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard;

and

utilizing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system comprising:

one or more processors providing the following:

a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard; and

an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

Claims 12- 13.(Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system comprising:

one or more processors providing the following:

a first wizard having panels to guide a user through a first task;

a second wizard having panels to guide a user through a second task; and

at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or

regression through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard to guide a user through the first and second tasks.

Claim 15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

Claim 17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) A machine readable medium as recited in claim 8, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 9, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

Claim 20. (Canceled).

21. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising linking the host wizard and one or more sub-wizard components at two or more access points included in the host wizard.

22. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising returning, by the one or more processors, control from said one or more sub-wizard components to said host-wizard once navigation within the sub-wizard is complete.